

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants below signed representative would like to thank Examiner Wessendorf for the courtesies extended to him during the telephone interviews on April 30, and May 3, 1999.

As discussed during these telephone interviews, page 2a contains the last line of page 2. Thus, page 2a is redundant and has been cancelled herein.

Also as discussed, page 38 was the last three lines of claim 28. Page 38 was supposed to contain claims 20 to 28. For simplicity, page 38 has been cancelled herein and claims 20 to 28 entered herein.

As the Examiner will see, claims 20 and 21 are similar to claim 19 which is included in group I, thus, it is respectfully requested that claims 20 and 21 be included in the group I and examined.

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Additionally, because this response adds eight more claims, it is requested that the deposit account No. 02-2275 be debited for \$144.00.

Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this account in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account No. 02-2275.

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